

LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION ENDS SOON

Loose Leaf Collection is underway, which means you do not need to bag your leaves at the curb. Collection will end for Zones 1-5 the week of February 22, and the week of March 1 for Zones 6-10.



Once collection ends, leaves must be bagged and will be picked up on your regular trash pickup day. To find your last loose leaf collection day, visit kannapolisnc.gov/loose-leaf, or download the CARTology app in the Apple and Google Play stores.

Help us recycle right!

Please do not put any food or liquids in your recycling cart.
These items belong in the trash.

Not sure if something is recyclable?
Check the CARTology app or visit
www.kannapolisnc.gov/garbage.

KANNAPOLIS INSTALLS TWO NEW PUBLIC ART SCULPTURES



The City of Kannapolis has added two sculptures to its public arts program. "LOVE" has been installed at the Kannapolis Train Station on Main Street. The ten-foot steel sculpture simply spells out the word, "LOVE." It has been purposefully aged to give it a sense of time and place in the historic downtown.

The second sculpture is located at Village Park near the fountain and embodies the City's brand, "Discover a Healthy Life." This piece is also ten feet tall. Both sculptures are expected to become selfie location favorites.

North Carolina artist Tom Risser created both pieces using stainless steel and has loaned the pieces to the City indefinitely. Risser created the pieces after visiting the City and admiring the work done to revitalize the downtown. "It is incredible to see how

vibrant the City's downtown has become in such a short period of time. Everywhere you look you see people enjoying a walk, a run or cycling. New businesses are opening. The energy here is an inspiration to me and I wanted to capture that with these sculptures," Risser said. Additional sculptures paid for by private donations and created by Risser can be found on West Avenue.

If you would like to make a donation for public art to the City of Kannapolis, contact Annette Privette Keller, Director of Communications, at aprivettekeller@kannapolisnc.gov or call 704-920-4311.



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URGENT HOME REPAIR FUNDS HELP KANNAPOLIS RESIDENTS

Every year the City completes an application process to receive funds from the state government to assist Kannapolis homeowners who qualify, with urgent home repairs on their primary residence. The funds are from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency and cover items such as installing handicap ramps, repairing/replacing leaking roofs or repairing/installing heating systems.

The goal of the Urgent Home Repair Program is to help people stay in their homes as long as possible and to improve the condition of homes in the City.

On average, the City receives \$100,000 annually for these repairs. The City began receiving funds through this program 25 years ago and has been able to assist approximately ten homeowners annually with their urgent home repairs.

Ten years ago, Monique worked with Habitat for Humanity to purchase a home on Gurley Street. When Habitat and Monique built the house, a handicap ramp was installed to accommodate her needs. Now, a decade later, the handicap ramp needed repairs. Urgent repair funds were used to repair the ramp so she could enter and exit her home with no assistance from her caregiver. "I am so happy and thankful for the urgent repair program, as it has afforded me a sense of independence that I have not had in a while," she said.



COVID-19 TESTING/VACCINES

Cabarrus and Rowan Counties have COVID-19 testing/vaccine sites scheduled for the month of February.

Anyone experiencing fever, cough and shortness of breath should consider getting tested.

Find testing/vaccine information at www.cabarrushealth.org/555/Coronavirus-Information-Page and at rowancountync.gov/covid-19.

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The fund was also recently used to assist Bonita, who is elderly and disabled. Her caregivers contacted the City and asked if the fund could be used to help her with a leaking roof and a handicap ramp at her home on Beaumont Street. Bonita met the criteria for the monies, and the City was able to provide a grant and the work was completed in time for the winter.



Myrtle, another recipient of the urgent home repair funds, also needed a new roof in order to stay in her home on Kingston Drive. "To be able to have a home that is safe from the weather is a blessing. I am grateful this fund was in place to help me," she commented.

2020 LOOP THE LOOP PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZED

The City of Kannapolis would like to congratulate the participants of the 4th annual the Loop the Loop Challenge. Loop the Loop is a series of loops around downtown Kannapolis and Kannapolis school facilities that people can walk, bike or run.



Russ Hoyser

This year, three participants logged more than 2,000 miles. Russ Hoyser, Sylvia Anderson and Robert Kuddie reached this incredible achievement. In total, 271 people recorded more than 45,000



Sylvia Anderson

as we worked to combat COVID. We have seen so many people taking advantage of Loop the Loop, our greenways and other walkable areas," said Kannapolis Mayor Darrell Hinnant. "We hear so many great stories on how being able to be outside helps people to get to know others in the community, spend quality time with families, lose weight and have better health. This is a great way for us to have a

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the funds, your household income must be at least 50 percent or below the area median income AND you must meet one of the following:

- Have children in household with an elevated level of lead in their blood
- Elderly household members are at least 62 years old
- Handicapped/disabled household members
- Households with five or more persons
- Single parents
- Veterans.

Goals:

- To alleviate housing conditions that post an imminent threat to the life and safety of very low-income homeowners
- To provide necessary repairs to prevent eligible, very low-income homeowners from having to relocate.

Applying for the Program:

To apply, you may call 704-920-4332 or email sgordon@kannapolisnc.gov. Please note that funding is limited and all who apply may not be served.

better community: physically, mentally and socially. We hope you and your family will participate this year."



Robert Kuddie

Loop the Loop is part of the City's Discover a Healthy Life brand. Loop routes are downtown and at every Kannapolis City School. Residents and their dogs are also encouraged to walk anywhere in the City.

For information, maps and to register for Loop the Loop, visit www.kannapolisnc.gov/looptheloop.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

Jennifer Hyatt and Brent Rowland have been promoted to the position of Captain; Jason Hinson to the position of Lieutenant and Chris Howard to the position of Sergeant – with the Kannapolis Police Department.



Captain Jennifer Hyatt

Captain Jennifer Hyatt will lead the Special Operations Bureau. She will be responsible for the Community Services Unit, Training and Office of Professional Standards. Hyatt began her career with the Kannapolis Police Department as a Patrol Officer in 2007. Since that time, she has served in the Patrol Division and as Lieutenant of the Criminal Investigation.

She was promoted to Sergeant in 2016 and Lieutenant in 2017. She earned the designation of Master Police Officer in 2018. In addition to her regular duties, Hyatt is one of the department's certified polygraph examiners and is a Hostage Negotiator for the Special Response Team.

A graduate of Smoky Mountain High School in Sylva, NC, Hyatt earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Technology from Southwestern Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Western Carolina University.

Captain Brent Rowland will oversee the Field Operations Bureau. His responsibilities will include the Patrol and Traffic Divisions. He began his career with the Kannapolis Police Department as a Patrol Officer in 2002. In 2009 he earned the designation of Police Officer II, and was promoted to Sergeant in 2010, Master Police Officer in 2018 and Lieutenant in 2020.



Captain Brent Rowland

In addition to his regular duties, Rowland is one of the agency's Certified Traffic Reconstruction Specialists. He is a member of the Special Response Team and Honor Guard, and he also serves as Coordinator of the Drone Unit.

He is a graduate of First Assembly Christian School and studied Criminal Justice at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Lieutenant Jason Hinson will be assigned to Patrol Squad D. He has been with the Kannapolis Police Department since 2000 when he started as a Patrol Officer. He was named one of the department's first K-9 officers in 2002. He became a Master Police Officer in 2009 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2010. He also serves on the Special Response Team as a Hostage Negotiator.



Lieutenant Jason Hinson

Hinson is a graduate of Concord High School and holds an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the N.C. Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

Sergeant Chris Howard joined the Kannapolis Police Department in 2012. He earned his designation as Master Police Officer in 2018. He is a member of the Special Response Team and serves as a Field Training Officer.

A graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School, Howard also holds an Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate from the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.



Sergeant Chris Howard

